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Joint AGA Dinner Meeting New Orleans and Baton Rouge Chapters Thursday, April 25, 2002

Featuring

Richard V. Norment AGA National President

Richard Norment, currently serves as Assistant to the Comptroller and Director of the Division of County Audit for the State of Tennessee. He has spent his professional career with the Comptroller's Office where he joined the Division of County Audit as a financial and compliance auditor shortly after graduating from college. He progressed through various supervisory audit levels within the division prior to assuming the responsibilities of his current position.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Memphis State University. Mr. Norment is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA).

As an active member of AGA, he has held numerous local and national positions of leadership. He served as President of the Nashville Chapter (1982-83) and as a chairman of several chapter committees. He is the current National President and a member of the National Executive Committee and National Board of Directors. He served as National Treasurer (1997-98), Regional Vice President (1990-91), Chair of the 1995 National State and Local Government Leadership Conference, member of the National Strategic Long-Range Planning Committee and the National Executive Director Search Committee (1996-97), member of the National Finance and Budget Committee (July 1995-June 2000) and Chair (1997-98). Mr. Norment chaired the National Membership Committee (1987-89) and the Local Host Hospitality Committee for the 1990 National Professional Development Conference. He also served on the Year 2000 Professional Development Conference Planning Committee.

In 1986, Mr. Norment received the "Achievement of the Year Award" from the Nashville Chapter of AGA and in 1994 he was the recipient of the "Outstanding Public Servant Award" presented by the County Officials Association of Tennessee. He also received the National President's Award in 1999 for service on the Governance Task Force of AGA. Mr. Norment is a member of the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association and currently serves as President and has been a member of the Executive Committee since January 1999.

FROM THE
PRESIDENT

Our program year is nearing an end. We have only one dinner meeting remaining

but still have two social events planned to end the year with a bang. I encourage each member to attend these functions.

Our next dinner meeting is the annual joint meeting with the Baton Rouge Chapter. We are very fortunate this year to have as our speaker Mr. Richard Norment, AGA National President. This meeting is a good opportunity to meet our National President and network with other fellow AGA members from another chapter. This year's meeting will be held at Bull's Corner in Laplace. Please contact Vincent Parenti to make your reservations.

As I mentioned, we will have two social events to end this great program year. Our first social event will be an Awards Ceremony/Crawfish Boil on Friday, May 3rd, at Green Acres Country Club. This is a family event, so please bring the rest of the family. The past crawfish boils have been a huge success and we expect this one to be the same. Our last scheduled event is an evening at the Zephyr's game on Friday, June 21st. Again, this is a family event so bring the whole family.

Our March dinner meeting was another success. It was our annual joint meeting with the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) at Five Happiness. As usual, the food was delicious and our members were able to network with other professionals from ASWA. AGA also presented the Chapter's Annual Scholarship at the meeting. This year our scholarship recipient is Ms. Ashley Nicolle Haynes who is a student at Southern University at New Orleans. Congratulations Ashley! We

wish her continued success. I want to give a special thanks to Vincent Parenti and Ron Parent for organizing another successful dinner meeting.

I also want to thank all of you who have participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Your commitment and community service is greatly appreciated. Special thanks go out to Freida Scott who has put in many hours to ensure the success of this program.

Finally, I would like to personally express my sincere appreciation to our dedicated chapter officers and directors who have volunteered countless hours to making this year a success. It has been a great year. Our chapter is nearing the Gold Star Chapter designation for attaining the 10,000-credit level for five consecutive years. This was only achieved because of the hard work of the officers, directors and most importantly, the many active members. Thank you for a job well done!

I hope to see you at Bull's Corner on Thursday, April 25th. As mentioned earlier, our National President Richard Norment will be our speaker. Let's show the New Orleans Chapter's strong dedication by having a large turnout.

See you April 25th.

Chris

Welcome New Members

Our Chapter of AGA wishes to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

**Tracey Edwards
Kendrick Miller
Ava Roussell**

The New Orleans Chapter of AGA offers all of its new members for the 2001-2002 fiscal year a complimentary dinner. We extend a warm invitation for you to join us at our next Chapter meeting.

Recruitment News

It's still not too late to become AGA's top recruiter of the year. AGA will award **Recruiter of the Year, Top Sponsor, and Special Sponsor** prizes that include recognition at the 2002 PDC in Atlanta, complimentary AGA meeting registration, and complimentary national membership dues for five years.

To be eligible, applications must be received by April 30, 2002, and your name should be listed on the sponsor line.

AGA Members Only Data

Member information can be updated directly into the National AGA database by logging in with your Name and Member ID number. Log into AGA's website at <https://www.agacgfm> to update personal information such as phone and address changes.

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We appreciate your efforts with the growth of the New Orleans Chapter of AGA.

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Are you looking for AGA merchandise? If yes, log on to <https://www.agacgfm.or/marketplace/index.htm> for ordering polo shirts, coffee mugs, executive notebooks, and lots of other items.

Please share news about yourself or other AGA members. Contact Linda M. Lewis at 255-5902 or linda.lewis2@usda.gov

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BALANCE SHEET

As of March 31, 2002

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank One Checking	\$ 8,814.69
Bank One Savings	4,263.79
Total Checking/Saving	\$13,078.48
Total Accounts Receivable	668.00
Total Current Assets	\$13,746.48

TOTAL ASSETS \$13,746.48

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	\$ 7,629.31
Retained Earnings	7,115.37
Net Income	(998.20)
Total Equity	\$13,746.48

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$13,746.48

INCOME STATEMENT

August - March 2002

INCOME

Education/Training	\$13,000.24
Business Meetings	5,139.50
50/50 Raffle	308.00
Zephyr/Xmas Party	468.00
Chapter Dues	256.65

TOTAL INCOME \$19,172.39

EXPENSES

Education/Training	\$ 10,443.35
Business Meetings	5,662.99
50/50 Raffle	154.00
Postage/Supplies/Gifts	591.26
Crawfish Boil	100.00
Scholarship Winner	500.00
Xmas Party Expenses	2,517.36
Community Service Exp	201.63

TOTAL EXPENSES \$20,170.59

NET INCOME \$ (998.20)



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**JOINT DINNER MEETING
AGA New Orleans and Baton Rouge Chapters**

**Thursday, April 25, 2002
Bull's Corner Restaurant
(985) 652-3544**

**5:30 p.m. - Social/Cash Bar
6:00 p.m. - Dinner**

**1036 West Airline Highway
LaPlace, LA 70068**

MENU

Seafood Gumbo or Mixed Green Salad with Bull's House Dressing
Rib Eye, Trout Meuniere, or Grilled Chicken
Bull's Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce or Homemade Lemon Cheesecake
Iced Tea, Soft Drinks and Coffee

Cost: \$20.00

Directions to Bull's Corner: Coming on I-10 from New Orleans, take Exit #209, turn left on US 51, go 3.3 miles to Airline Highway (US 61). Turn right, the restaurant is 0.3 miles on the right just after the traffic light. Look for the large red and white awning (1036 West Airline Highway).

For **reservations**, contact Vincent Parenti at (255-5350) or
vincent.parenti@usda.gov
by **COB Thursday, April 18th**. If possible, please pay Ron Parent in advance.